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In re Application of :  
Riordan, et al. :  
Application No. 09/821,584 : ON PETITION  
Filed: March 29, 2001 :  
Attorney Docket No. CH920000010US1 :  
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This is a decision on the petition filed on April 22, 2006,  
pursuant to 37 CFR 1.137(b), to revive the above-identified  
application.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a proper reply to the final Office action mailed on April 29, 2005. Applicants filed an Amendment on November 2, 2005, made timely by obtaining a three month extension of time and including a Certificate of Mailing dated October 29, 2005. However, on November 15, 2005, the Office mailed an Advisory Action, informing Applicants that the Amendment would not be entered because it failed to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the application became abandoned on October 30, 2005.

With the instant petition, applicant paid the petition fee, submitted the required reply in the form of an RCE, and made the proper statement of unintentional delay.

The matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 2137 for consideration of the RCE, filed April 22, 2006.

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